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POWERBALL GAME IS NEW AND IMPROVED

Bismarck – Powerball is getting an extreme make-over and players will reap the benefits! Starting Sunday, August 28, North Dakota Powerball players will have a chance to win bigger prizes.

The starting jackpot will jump from the current \$10 million to \$15 million. Jackpots will grow faster increasing by a minimum of \$5 million per draw. The annuity option will also be changed so that players will receive an annual payment that increases each year. Players can still elect the jackpot's one time lump-sum cash option.

The second-tier Powerball prize will double from \$100,000 to \$200,000 cash. Players who win the third-tier prize will also double their prize from the current \$5,000 to \$10,000.

One of the most exciting changes is that with an additional \$1 purchase of the Power Play option, players will have the opportunity to multiply their winning by up to five to win up to \$1 million!

Players who pick their own numbers need to use the new play slips. Players can pick five numbers between 1 and 55 for the first five numbers drawn instead of 1 – 53. Nothing has changed for picking the red Powerball. Players must still pick a number between 1 and 42.

Overall odds of winning a Powerball prize have increased slightly from 1:36 to 1:36.6. Odds of winning the Powerball jackpot are 1 in 146,107,962. Lottery retail locations have new Powerball brochures and play slips that outline the new game features. Information can also be found on www.ndlottery.org.

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